

As we pray, let us never forget the American citizens in Iran who remain hostages in fundamental violation of the teachings of the world's religions. Let us also pray that harmony and stability will come to the people of Iran, leading both to the safe return of our brothers and sisters and to a better life for all in that troubled land.

Recognizing our need for prayer, the Congress, by Joint Resolution, approved April 17, 1952 (36 U.S.C. 169h; 66 Stat. 64), has called upon the President to set aside a suitable day each year as a National Day of Prayer.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JIMMY CARTER, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim Monday, October 6, 1980, as a National Day of Prayer. I further ask that all who so desire make this a Day of Fast as well. On that day, I ask Americans to join me in thanksgiving to God for His blessings and in earnest prayer to Him for His protection in the year ahead. Finally, may He grant freedom to all unjustly held captive, and may He grant us His vision of a world at peace.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-second day of September, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and fifth.

JIMMY CARTER

**Proclamation 4796 of September 25, 1980**

**National School Lunch Week, 1980**

**By the President of the United States of America**

**A Proclamation**

The future of our country lies in our children. Nutrition is vital in insuring that they reach their full potential—physically, emotionally and intellectually.

The National School Lunch Program provides nourishing lunches to 27 million children every school day. Studies show that nutritious meals help increase the attention span and learning capabilities of students. School lunches also help children learn good dietary habits. Cafeterias can become learning laboratories, especially when menus are related to nutrition instruction in the classroom.

Recently, many changes have been made to improve the lunch program in American schools. Thousands of people have contributed to this effort. Principals, teachers and parents, Federal, state and local officials have joined school food service personnel in improving the quality, appearance and nutrition of school meals. Students themselves have been involved through youth advisory committees. I want to recognize these individuals for their concern and their work in over 95,000 schools across the country. Their continued involvement will contribute to a healthier generation.

In recognition of the School Lunch Program's contribution to America's youth, the Congress, by a joint resolution of October 9, 1962 (76 Stat. 779; 36 U.S.C. 168), has designated the week beginning the second Sunday of October in each year as National School Lunch Week and has requested the President to issue annually a proclamation calling for its appropriate observance.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JIMMY CARTER, President of the United States of America, do hereby urge the people of the United States to observe the week of October 12 as National School Lunch Week and to give special attention to activities that will promote good nutrition to America's youth.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-fifth day of September, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and fifth.

JIMMY CARTER

**Proclamation 4797 of September 30, 1980**

**American Education Week, 1980**

**By the President of the United States of America**

**A Proclamation**

Nothing is of greater importance to the future of America than education. The survival of our free institutions, the health of our economy, the power of our ideals depend on the vitality of our educational system.

The theme of this year's American Education Week—an event we have celebrated for more than sixty years—is "Education in the 80's: Preparation for the Future." Our future will be determined by how well we pass along our knowledge and our values to our children.

American Education Week affords all of us time to think about the needs, the importance, and the hopes for education. And it gives us a time to acknowledge the accomplishments of an education system that serves more than 58 million young people and adults.

We have much to be proud of—our schools, our teachers, and the administrators who make the system work. But there is more progress to be made and more work ahead of us.

I invite all Americans to join me in reaffirming our commitment to the excellence and equality of the educational opportunity offered to every individual in our Nation. Education is everyone's concern.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JIMMY CARTER, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate the period of November 16 through 22, 1980, as American Education Week.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this thirtieth day of September, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and fifth.

JIMMY CARTER